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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Application

Applicant's arguments/remarks and amendments filed on June 12, 2008, have been carefully considered. **Claims 1-15** are pending in this application, with **Claim 1** amended. Upon further consideration of the restriction requirement made October 2, 2007, the restriction requirement has been withdrawn. **Claims 1-15** have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102/103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in the prior Office action.

1. **Claims 8-15** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Sugishima et al. (JP 08-257402).
2. With regard to **Claims 8 and 12-15**, Sugishima discloses a catalyst for removing nitrogen oxides (Sugishima, Claim 1). The process for producing the composition is held to be obvious, when the reference teaches a product that appears to be the same as, or an obvious variant of, the product set forth in a product-by-process claim although produced by a different process See *In re Marosi*, 710 F.2d 799, 218 USPQ 289 (Fed. Cir. 1983), and *In re Thorpe*, 777 F.2d 695, 227 USPQ 964 (Fed. Cir.1985). See also MPEP 2113.

3. With regard to **Claim 9**, Sugishima discloses a method of removing nitrogen oxides from an exhaust gas containing the nitrogen oxides by using a catalyst in the presence of ammonia (Sugishima, Claim 3).
4. With regard to **Claim 10**, Sugishima discloses a method of removing nitrogen oxides, wherein the temperature of the exhaust gas is 400°C (Sugishima, 0006).
5. With regard to **Claim 11**, Sugishima discloses a method of removing nitrogen oxides, wherein the exhaust gas is an exhaust gas from a gas turbine (Sugishima, 0001).

Allowable Subject Matter

1. **Claims 1-7 are allowed.**
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Sugishima does not disclose or suggest a method for producing a catalyst for removing nitrogen oxides, wherein a sol-like material formed by dispersing cerium dioxide in a dispersion medium is used. Rather, Sugishima discloses a method for producing a catalyst for removing nitrogen oxides, wherein soluble compounds of titanium, tungsten, and cerium are co-precipitated.

Response to Amendments

Applicant's amendments, filed June 12, 2008, with respect to the Oath/Declaration, title, abstract, and claims have been fully considered and are accepted. The objections to the Oath/Declaration, title, and abstract, filed December 13, 2007, have been withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed June 12, 2008, with respect to the claim rejections of **Claims 1-7** have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 U.S.C § 102(b) rejection of **Claims 1-2 and 4-5**, 35 U.S.C § 103(a) rejection of **Claim 3**, 35 U.S.C § 103(a) rejection of **Claim 6**, and 35 U.S.C § 103(a) rejection of **Claim 7** have been withdrawn in view of Applicant's arguments.

Conclusion

1. **Claims 1-7 are allowed.**
2. In general, prior art renders the invention of **Claims 8-15** obvious.
3. Applicant is required to provide pinpoint citation to the specification (i.e. page and paragraph number) to support any amendments to the claims in all subsequent communication with the examiner. **No new matter will be allowed.**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRITTANY M. MARTINEZ whose telephone number is (571) 270-3586. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman can be reached at (571) 272-1358. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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